to enable them to begin work as early as possible. Their bio-data are also forwarded against vacancies brought to the notice of the CSIR from time to time. In addition, their bio-data are printed in "Directory of Indian Scientific & Technical Personnel", and copies thereof circulated to employing organisations such as Universities, IITs, R & D organisations, Government Departments, and public sector industrial undertakings, to facilitate their absorption.

District Level Planning

*39. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to undertake 'district level planning' with the participation of the district colectors or district magistrates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Collectors are alreardy associated with the planning process at the district level. In almost all States, there are District Planning bodies and Collectors are associated with these bodies.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Visit of CPM Leaders to China

*40. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some C.P.M. Leaders visited China during early June, 1988; and

(b) if so, whether the Prime Minister was apprised of their discussions with the Government of China?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since his return, Shri Jyoti Basu had had a conversion with Prime Minister giving his impressions of the China visit.

Vedic mathematics for computer soft ware

208. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to examine the views of scientists regarding the possibility of development of Institutional Thinking in the manufacture of computer soft-ware by use of Vedic Mathematics and also for increasing the speed of computers; and

(b) if so, the progress so far made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Visit of Indian Delegations to China

209. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Indian delegations that visited China during each of the last three years, giving their dates of visit and composition;

(b) what is the number of Chinese delegations which visited India during each of the last three years giving their dates of visit and composition; and

(c) what is the impact of these visits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) A statement comprising lists of delegations on bilateral visits to and from